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**JEREMIAH POOLE SENTENCED TO 211 MONTHS FOR CARJACKING AND USE OF A
FIREARM**

Baltimore, Maryland - Allen F. Loucks, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that U.S. District Court Judge Richard D. Bennett sentenced Jeremiah Poole, age 21, of Baltimore, Maryland, to 211 months in prison followed by 4 years of supervised release arising from his conviction of carjacking and using a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence. The 211 month prison sentence is consecutive to the 19 month period of incarceration Mr. Poole has already served awaiting disposition of the case.

According to the agreed upon statement of facts read at the time of Mr. Poole's guilty plea, in the early morning hours of April 16, 2003, the defendant and two other men and one woman lured the victim, Edward Hawkins, to a shopping center located at Northeast Baltimore City. When Mr. Hawkins arrived at that location, one of the conspirators forced Mr. Hawkins from the driver's seat of his automobile using a semi-automatic assault rifle. The men then took control of Mr. Hawkins's vehicle. Mr. Hawkins was taken to the Randallstown area of Baltimore County, at which point he was forced from his car at gun point and ordered to disrobe. After the

coconspirators searched Mr. Hawkins's vehicle, they shot Mr. Hawkins in the back and then drove out of the area using Mr. Hawkins's car. State and federal law enforcement agencies searched for Mr. Poole for several months before he was arrested by the Baltimore City Police on unrelated charges in September 2003. Prior to his arrest, Mr. Poole and his co-defendant, Jamaal Walker, had been featured on the television program, "Maryland's Most Wanted." Mr. Walker was convicted by a jury on January 26, 2005 and had previously been sentenced by Judge Bennett to a prison term of 255 months.

The case was investigated by the Baltimore County Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosive. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Jonathan M. Mastrangelo and Robert R. Harding.